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It has been ascertained that, during the last two years, the Agrarian Labor Party of Chile has tripled the number of its committees scattered throughout the country. At present, this party has 15 provincial and 215 local committees. Forty-four more local committees are in the process of formation. It is calculated that the Agrarian Labor Party has approximately 25,000 members and its files contain 12,306 applications for party membership.

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Comment. On the basis of present congressional representation, the Nazi-influenced Agrarian Labor Party appears to be the most powerful political party opposing the Chilean government. There is no way, however, of ascertaining the strength of the Social Christian Conservative Party, which also belongs to the opposition group, since this party was formed after the March 1949 elections and the congressmen representing this party were elected on the unified Conservative Party ticket.

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